



NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are now almost halfway through the school year. Although the half term is very short, only one day to be with your children extra, it is a time for you to catch up comfortably with what has been going on with their lives while at Imani.

It has been a very busy six weeks and the balance of the term will be the same. Your child is returning with a "Plant a tree for charity" sponsorship form. Instead of having a walk, the students thought it would be better for the environment to plant a tree. So please assist your child in raising funds for this cause. We would like each child to return with at least sponsorship of Kshs. 2,000/=. The tree planting will take place on the 24th of March but we also require them to be in school on the 21st to dig the holes and prepare the area. Please join us if you are able on either day.

Due to the current famine within the country, our students have agreed to give up their lunch and donate this money for the purpose of assisting in this relief programme. The day students would be requested to donate Kshs. 150/=.

International Night is upon us once more. Mark your calendars for Saturday evening, 21st February beginning at 7.00 p.m. sharp.

The Whole School Swimming Gala has been postponed until 18th March 2009. So please change your calendar concerning this.

School will close this term at 12.00 noon on Friday 27th March and re-open for Boarding Students on Sunday 19th April. Classes will begin on Monday 20th April. The final day of the school year will be Friday 3rd July.

The Imani School Hockey and Basketball Tournament will take place on the 14th of March. Please come and watch your child and the school play.

Some students have still not collected their school ID and class pictures. Please give your child Kshs. 500/= to cover this package.

We have reverted to sending the newsletter this way as many of you have not been receiving the email correspondence. We hope to solve this "glitch" and will return to the electronic method as soon as possible.

Imani is celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2009. If you have any ideas of how we can/should do it, please feel free to discuss with me.

HIGH SCHOOL

MSMUN took place during the first half of the term. Imani was awarded a Certificate for Best Resolution in Ecology and Environment Committee. All the students not only enjoyed themselves but had a hands-on experience of the reality of the world today. The seniors will attend the MUN starting 23rd of March.

The Year 9 and 10's undertook a Geography field trip to the Maasai Mara to fulfill syllabi requirements. Shortly after our return from half-term, the Year 7's will be off to Elsamere to undertake the same.

The 'A' Level and Foundation students visited Laverne School and Orphanage as part of their community service. Not only did they bring donations from themselves and the school but also challenged the young boys to a soccer match. Unfortunately, Imani lost!!! Youth had the advantage.

Mock Examinations for 'O' and 'A' Levels as well as end of term Examinations for Foundation, will take place in March. Parent Teachers meetings will take place on 20th March at 2.00 p.m. to discuss results.

Year 8 will be participating in the Braeburn Science Fayre on 26th March..

PREP SCHOOL – Mrs. M. Abranches

Prep School had a very enjoyable and exciting Educational trip to Ol Donyo Sabuk National Park and Fourteen Falls at the beginning of February. They had a pleasant ride up the summit where they had a magnificent 360° panoramic view over the Athi River, The pineapple fields of Thika. They also viewed the lush vegetation of the mountain. They took time to admire the Fourteen Falls and observed many natural happenings. This enhanced the geography lessons of Year 5 and 6 as they learnt about Mountains and Rivers.

Poetry Competition – verse Speaking Competition held at Nairobi Academy

Three pupils participated in the competition. Bhavi Shah – Y3, Dylan Kukadia – Y4 and Riya Shah – Y6. They performed well and although there was stiff competition, Dylan Kukadia took 3rd position in the under 10's category. Congratulations to them

Essay & Handwriting Competition

There will be an essay and handwriting competition for all pupils of Prep School in the last week of the term. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each class. More details will be sent out at a later date.

THE ART SCENE – Mr. F. Ajode

Last year, a retired American Art teacher, Mrs. Cacky Peltz initiated the Child to Child Art Exchange Program. Having taught at local schools in Nyanza Province, Kenya, she seeks to explore the diversity of global Art amongst children of the same age.

Imani School in Kenya and Lamoille High School in Burlington, Vermont, USA were selected to participate in the project. Already we have received a consignment of high quality Art materials and an accordion book of pictures from Lamoille High School students. Our students' Artwork is ready for freight so look out for the Accordion books at the Diversity Art Exhibition, whose date will be announced after half term.

Imani School students also submitted thirty six entries to the "Express your emotions" Art Competition in the United Kingdom last term. Due to the overwhelming number of entries received from other schools worldwide, the judges were slowed down. Keep your fingers crossed for a win. Digital images of the submitted work are available on request from Mr. Ajode.

Finally, the annual AFEW Art Competition is on, and the theme this year is "Human-Wildlife co-existence". Actual work on the competition Artwork begins after Half-Term for All classes, so take time to research and list down ways in which you can depict this.

SPORTS – Mr. K. Kipkoech

The Sports department had a busy schedule of activities in the first half of the term. Boys have been actively taking part in hockey and basketball matches while girls have been taking part in a series of hockey matches.

The followings are the results of inter school matches played until 10th February 2009:

U13 Boys Hockey Vs Nairobi Academy

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U13 Boys Hockey Vs. Braeside

2 1

Prep School Boys Hockey Vs. Aga Khan Academy

1 4

Prep School Boys Hockey Vs. Rusinga

5 3

U19 Boys Basketball Vs. Nairobi Academy

11 25

U 14 boys Hockey Vs. Hillcrest Secondary

1 0

U16 Boys Basketball Vs. Premier Academy

17 6

U13 Girls Hockey Vs. Nairobi academy

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U13 Girls Hockey Vs. Braeside

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U19 Girls Hockey Vs. Nairobi Academy

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U14 Girls Hockey Vs. Hillcrest

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U16 Girls Hockey Vs. Premier Academyt

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On Saturday 31st January 2009 three students participated in the Oshwal Gala – Nairobi and posted impressive Results:

1. Chaand Shah 1st 50 M backstroke
 (14 – 15 Years) 2nd 50 M freestyle
 3rd 50 M breastroke

2. Riya Shah 1st 50 M freestyle
 2nd 50 M backstroke
 2nd 200 M freestyle
 3rd 50 M butterfly

3. Krishna Shah 2nd 25 M breastroke
 3rd 25 M freestyle

Prep School and High School inter-house swimming gala will be held on 18th March, 2009 starting at 1.30 to 4.30 p.m..

Wishing you all a restful half term, I remain.

Sincerely yours,

G. M. Wangia
Headmistress.